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Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

For	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	27	26	6 (Over 20)	x \$18	18.00
Independent Claims	4	4	(Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0 .
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In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

[x] Response to Office Action	[x] Petition for Extension of Time (1 month)
with claim amendments	[] Terminal Disclaimer
[] Preliminary Amendment	[] Letter to Draftsperson w/ pages of drawings
[] Substitute Specification	[] Assignment
[x] Associate Power of Attorney	[] Petition under

[]	Please charge my Deposit Account Number in the amount of to cover the fees for A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
[x]	Checks in the amount of \$110.00 to cover the one-month extension and \$18.00 to cover the excess claim fee are enclosed.
[x]	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account Number 08-1480 .
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